

## Russia Still Concerned Over Reactionary Terror in Iran

LONDON, Wednesday.

THE Soviet Trade Union organ "Trud" emphasised today that Russia was still concerned over what it called "the reactionary terror" in Iran, but indicated that action would be left to the World Federation of Trade Unions and ultimately to the United Nations.

"One of the latest terror acts committed by reactionaries was to arrest 128 workers in Shiraz, of whom three were executed on the spot, and some 100 sentenced to life imprisonment and exile," "Trud" said in an article distributed by Tass in London.

"The World Federation of Trade Unions has protested against the arrests of the workers and the pillaging of Trade Union premises, and warned the Iranian Ambassador in Paris that it will go to the United Nations' Economic and Social Council unless certain practical requests are met. International labour is fully supporting this stand," the paper said. —APA.

## ART EXHIBITION IN DELHI

(By 'Dawn' Art Critic)

AN exhibition of the paintings of Mr. and Mrs. Kanwal Krishna was opened in the Exhibition Hall, New Delhi on Wednesday evening under the auspices of the All-India Arts and Crafts Society.

The exhibition comprised some 125 pieces of the two artists, some of which have become well-known through a number of exhibitions held in India and abroad. Mr. Krishna has recently come back from Tibet, and most of his new paintings depict landscape scenery. They are in transparent water colours.

In the two paintings captioned "Frozen Fields" and "Reflexion" his colour composition, bold outlines, and keen observation is remarkable. His consummate art is manifest in achieving the snow effects through blank patches on white paper.

Mr. Krishna was awarded a prize in the International Exhibition of Paintings for his "Tibetan Borders".

The paintings of Mrs. Devyani Krishna have a tinge of homely domesticity. A few Benares toys, a flower basket, or a bunch of wild tulips fascinates her artistic imagination much more than a snow covered peak or a distant dale view. Some of her paintings were exhibited in the International Art Exhibition held in Paris.

The exhibition will be open to public till January 7 between 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

## Greek King Disappointed With Allied Policy

ATHENS, Tuesday.

KING GEORGE of the Hellenes, in his first New Year message to his people since his recall to the throne, today expressed disappointment over allied policy towards his country.

"Many of our hopes vanished during 1946, and grave dangers are threatening the unity and security of our nation," he said. "We saw one of the enemies of the allies, who did so much harm to Greece rewarded while our very slight request for security failed to be satisfied."

## Conspiracy Charge on 3 British N.C.O.s

PORT SAID, Wednesday.

A COURT-MARTIAL trying three British non-Commissioned officers on charges of conspiracy to cause mutiny closed at Port Said near here today, with the official announcement that the Court findings would be promulgated.

The case arose out of a "strike" by the men of the 1,004 Dock Operating Company and was one of the several incidents last November at Tel El Kabir, Port Said, Suez and Cairo in which mass meetings were held and men ceased work over the rate of demobilisation.

The Defence Counsel in his final address said that the court must be aware that insubordination occurred in many different formations in widely separated parts of the canal zone. This must have been organised by many persons and was certainly not due to "petty plotting" by three young non-Commissioned Officers.

Five witnesses today gave evidence in support of statements made by three accused, all of whom denied the charges.—Retuter.

## IKE DENIES

EVERGLADE CITY (Florida), Wednesday: General Dwight Eisenhower, U.S. Chief of Staff, last night emphatically denied a Washington report that he was considering being a candidate for President of the United States in 1948. "You know it is a lie," the General exclaimed.—

## Bombay Muslim League to Set up Overseas Bureau

(By 'Dawn' Chief Reporter)

The Bombay Provincial Muslim League proposes to set up an overseas bureau to collect information about the Middle East South Africa and Burma and to establish contact with the Muslims there. Mr. Hassan Sheikh, Secretary Bombay Provincial Muslim League, and Mr. Abdul Kadir Sheikh, Deputy Leader of the League Party in Bombay Legislative Assembly, who are at present in Delhi have prepared a plan for the Bureau.

Mr. H. Sheikh told me: "We are keen to establish contact with our neighbours and particularly with the Muslim world. We will collect information about South Africa, Burma and the Muslim countries and will acquaint them with the aspirations and ideals of Indian Muslims".

## Paris Press Attacks French Colonial Minister

PARIS, Tuesday.

THE Left-wing Paris paper this morning demanded that France resume negotiations with the Viet-Nam Government in Indo-China and bitterly attacked the French Colonial Minister, M. Marius Moutet, who is now there on a Mission of Investigation.

The Communist paper the "Humanite" said: "M. Marius Moutet had no sooner disembarked at Saigon than he declared that he was disillusioned. Apparently a few hours sufficed to make him see and understand everything. He stated to Press representatives that the motive of his trip was 'to end hostilities, incidents, armed operations and hostile polemics'."

"We ask why he has been engaged in a pleasure tour of Cambodia losing in hearty toasts to phantom officials and decorative Princes, precious time which could have been more usefully devoted to negotiation? We should negotiate immediately because each day of delay heaps rubble higher without increasing the changes of the decisive demands that systematic extension of military operations give way to political and diplomatic negotiation with the Viet-Nam Government."

In the same vein the Independent Left-wing "Le Franc Tireur" said "instead of going immediately to Hanoi to find out the intentions of the Viet-Nam Government and calculate odds in favour of negotiation, M. Marius Moutet continues his leisurely trip across the vastness of Indo-China without having had contact with Ho Chi Minh."

We regret that his banquets with their grand parades and native dances coincide with most appalling tragedy in regarding the negotiations what object is to be gained?—Retuter.

## MAULANA MOHAMMAD ALI'S DEATH ANNIVERSARY

By 'Dawn' Chief Reporter

The 15th death anniversary of Maulana Mohammed Ali will be celebrated by Delhi Muslims on January 4. The Delhi Provincial Muslim League has called a public meeting in Jumma Mosque after the Zuhar prayers on that day. Mr. Abdur Rab Nishtar has agreed to speak on the occasion. Maulana Mohammed Ali died in London on January 4, 1931.

## LORD IRWIN'S STATUE AGAIN SMEARED WITH RED PAINT

The statue of the former Viceroy, Lord Irwin, in the traffic ground at the Council Chamber end of Parliament Street, New Delhi, was on Wednesday found smeared with red paint presumably by New Year eve revellers. This is the second time that the statue has been found disfigured on New Year Day.—API.

## NATIONALISATION OF BRITISH COAL MINES

LONDON, Wednesday.

BRITISH coal mines today became the property of the British nation when in a formal ceremony, attended by the Prime Minister and four ex-Miner Cabinet Ministers, the Minister of Fuel and Power, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, handed to Lord Hyndley, Chairman of the Coal Board, a bound copy of the Nationalisation Act.

The "vesting ceremony" was watched by almost all the important members of the Cabinet.

Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, wearing a red tie and speaking against the background of the Coal Board's new blue flag, stressed the importance of restoring production to the point where coal exports could be resumed to a considerable scale.

When the short ceremony was over, Mr. Bevin was heard to remark on leaving that if only Britain's coal export could be got going again, it would make a great difference to Britain's diplomatic position.

Mr. J. A. Webb, Controller of the West Midland Regional Coal Board today spoke of the need for more

## VIET-NAM STRUGGLE

Commissioner of the republic for Tongkin Province, who was wounded on the opening day of the fighting and in the evening with General Morliere.

The French Minister for Colonies, M. Marius Moutet, said on his return to Saigon yesterday after a visit to the western Indo-China Provinces of Cambodia and Laos: "What I have seen is very important in the light of the events in North Indo-China. Areas I have visited were a striking contrast with Annamite regions where terrorism outrages and insecurity reigns and where certainly the mass of the population wants only to work in peace."

Parts of Cambodia and Laos were recently returned to French administration by Siam which had occupied them during the war.

An earlier report said: The Viet-Nam artillery battered Hanoi, the French far-eastern administrative capital, for the second night in succession following what was described as "heavy" shelling on Sunday, said an official communique last night issued by the French High Command in Hanoi.

Shells fell for several hours without causing serious damage and no casualties from shelling have so far been reported. Lines of communication—railways and highways—would appear to be the main objectives of the Viet-Nam Nationalist forces which have now been actively operating for nearly three weeks, in Hanoi, liveliest skirmishes have taken place in the south western quarter of the city round the railway station.

Tonight's French communique reported that mopping up operations in this district were going on favourably.

French and Viet-Nam forces are in close contact along the railway from Hanoi to Langson—a town near the China border which has been linked up with the coast by a new road and French patrols have prevented infiltration of Nationalist forces in this direction.

## Christmas Tragedy 2 Killed

LAHORE, Wednesday.

A POLICE Officer fired three shots from his revolver killing one person when a police investigating party was attacked in Misri Shah, a suburb of Lahore last night.

It is reported that Christmas celebrations in the house of an Anglo-Indian widow at Misri Shah culminated in a brawl in which one person was fatally stabbed. On receipt of information a police party headed by a sub-inspector arrived on the scene but the alleged assailant locked himself in the house and refused to surrender.

When the police forced their entry into the house after breaking the window panes, the alleged assailant is said to have attacked the police party. The sub-inspector there upon fired three shots from his revolver killing the alleged assailant on the spot.—API.

## KHALIQUZZAMAN MEETS SIND GOVERNOR

KARACHI, Wednesday: Choudhry Khaliq-uz-Zaman, leader of the Muslim League Assembly Party in the U.P. Assembly, who is at present in Karachi, had an interview with the Governor, Sir Francis Mudie today.—

BAGHDAD, Wednesday: Following the resignation of two Ministers from the non-party group, it was believed in Baghdad that the Iraqi Premier, Nuri El Sai, would resign and form a new, non-political Cabinet to carry through the elections.—APA.

## England Wrest Grip of The Game in The Third Test: Australia Scores 255 For 6

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

ENGLAND gave the best display of the tour here today—the first day of the third match, cables Norman Preston, Reuters correspondent with the M.C.C.

Although losing the toss and also their two opening bowlers Edrich and Voce England dismissed six Australian batsmen for 255 runs. The crowd, over 66,000 which paid the world record receipts for a single day cricket of 8,557, saw England gradually wrest the grip of the game from the opposition. For a long time, Bradman stood in the breach for Australia, but Yardley whom Hammond was forced to use as an emergency bowler removed the Australian Captain for 79 runs.

England's performance was more praiseworthy owing to the mishaps to Edrich and Voce. First, Edrich struck by a hard drive on the chin had to retire for attention from a masseur and was unable to resume before close, then Voce pulled a muscle in the groins. Consequently Yardley usually called on when the main bowlers have failed was in the position himself of a main bowler, and well did he do his job certainly proving England's old man today.

Bowling medium pace and moving the ball consistently from off he finished with the grand figures of 18 overs, 4 maidens, 7 runs and two wickets.

Things were looking bad for England after tea when Australia's total reached 188, for the loss of three wickets, but within the last two balls in his ninth over, Yardley completely altered the position by dismissing Bradman and Johnson soon afterwards. Wright accounted for Miller, making six out for 192. But in the final 55 minutes the Queensland pair, McCool and Tallon added 63 unfinished to leave the match very open.

Bedser also bowled magnificently today but Wright was not so dominating as at Sydney.

Yardley bowled without relief

## AUSTRALIA'S NEW CRICKET RULING

MELBOURNE, Wednesday: The Australian Board of Control for Cricket today announced that they had decided to adopt an Australian suggestion of an amendment to the rules concerning dismissal of a batsman.

The new rule which will operate in the 1948 season here provides that a batsman is out-bowled if the ball is completely removed from the wicket, if it fails to the ground or be jammed in the stumps, but not if the ball has merely been disturbed and remains in groove. To ensure that balls do not return to groove after dislodgement. The stumps will be done shaped at the top instead of flat at the side of ball grooves.

Balls will be slightly shorter.—Retuter.

## SCORE BOARD

AUSTRALIA (first innings)

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Barnes lbw Bedser          | 45 |
| Morris lbw Bedser          | 21 |
| Bradman b Yardley          | 79 |
| Hassett c Hammond b Wright | 12 |
| Miller c Evans b Wright    | 33 |
| Johnson lbw b Yardley      | 0  |
| McCool not out             | 28 |
| Tallon not out             | 35 |
| Extras                     | 2  |

Total (for six wickets) at close 255

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

|         | O  | M | R  | W |
|---------|----|---|----|---|
| Voce    | 10 | 0 | 40 | 0 |
| Bedser  | 22 | 0 | 2  | 2 |
| Wright  | 21 | 1 | 39 | 2 |
| Yardley | 18 | 4 | 7  | 2 |

## SUMANT MISRA NEW SINGLES CHAMPION

CALCUTTA, Wednesday.—Sumant Misra, who beat Ghaus Mohammed and Dilip Bose in the earlier round, became the new singles champion of India when he beat Man Mohan, India's number 2 and conqueror of J. Drobny, 4/6, 6/2, 6/0 in the National Lawn Tennis Championships which concluded here today.

The mixed doubles title went to J. M. Mehta and Cargin who beat S. L. R. Sawhney and Mrs. K. Singh, 6/2, 6/1.—API.

## GUJRAT CRICKET PROTEST UPHELD

CALCUTTA, Wednesday.—The Board of Control for Cricket in India has upheld the protest lodged by the Gujarat Cricket Association against the Kathiawar Cricket Association on the ground that Kathiawar had played Kishenchand and Iran, who were not eligible and has decided that the match should be replayed before January 20.

It may be recalled that these two Associations had met last week at Rajkot, when Kathiawar won by six runs. The Board held that Kishenchand and Iran were not eligible to play for Kathiawar as they did not conform to the rules governing eligibility.—API.

## AMARNATH SCORES 262

CALCUTTA, Wednesday: The closure of the India In England innings was applied after lunch at 614 for 6 wickets Amarnath's 262 and Modi's 156 were the features of the play.

At close of play the Rest Of India had made 170 for five wickets, Rangnekar not out 63 Phadkar not out 21.—API.

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